

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Method for the rolling of rolling stock, especially for the rolling of hot-rolled wide strip in a finishing train or a continuous casting installation, in which a lubricant is applied directly to the surface of the work rolls or indirectly to the surface of the backup rolls and is then transferred to the surface of the work rolls, before the rolling stock enters the roll gap of a rolling stand, wherein a strongly adherent lubricant film forms on the surface of the work rolls and leads to reduction of friction in the roll gap as an intermediate layer between the roll and the rolling stock, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the lubricant is applied over the entire length of the rolling stock, and therefore the lubricating effect acts over the entire length of the rolling stock.

2. (Currently Amended) Method in accordance with Claim 1, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein a lubrication system that feeds lubricant from a reservoir to the work rolls or backup rolls through lines and nozzles is turned on 5-15 seconds before the rolling stock enters the rolling stand.

3. (Currently Amended) Method in accordance with Claim 1,
~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the lubricant is applied in
the second stand and in each subsequent stand.

4. (Currently Amended) Method in accordance with Claim 1,
~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the lubricant is applied in
the third stand and in each subsequent stand.

5. (Currently Amended) Method in accordance with Claim 1,
~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the lubricant is applied in
the second stand and in each desired subsequent stand.

6. (Currently Amended) Method in accordance with Claim 1,
~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the lubricant is applied in
the third stand and in each desired subsequent stand.